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## NEWS OF THE PROFESSION.

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### Judge Andrew Kean Leake.

Judge Andrew Kean Leake, who died on the 11th of last November, was one of the prominent members of the Richmond and Goochland Bars, doing an extensive practice in several of the adjoining counties. His father was the Hon. Walter D. Leake, and his mother Jane M. Kean, daughter of the distinguished physician Andrew Kean of Goochland. Andrew Kean Leake was educated in private schools and was at the Bloomfield School in Albemarle County when the Civil War broke out. He at once entered the cavalry service of the Confederate States, but after being wounded at the second Battle of Manassas, he united himself with the company of artillery commanded by his father, rising to be lieutenant of the company. Subsequently he was ordinance officer in Col. Richardson's battalion of artillery.

Beginning the study of law after the war, he was soon taken into partnership with his father, but in 1870 was chosen as the first County Judge of Goochland County, which office he resigned three years later at the death of his father, devoting himself entirely to his practice. He associated himself later with Col. William B. Pettit of Fluvanna County and for twenty years this firm enjoyed a large practice in Fluvanna, Goochland and Louisa, and in the Supreme Court of the State. On the dissolution of this firm Judge Leake associated himself with his son, David B. Leake, and subsequently his son, Walter A. Leake, was admitted to the partnership, which continued until his death. He was standing counsel for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company in Goochland, Fluvanna, Albemarle and Buckingham from the retirement of Senator Martin from this position, up to the day of his death.

He was an ardent and faithful advocate, of unremitting industry and unflagging energy and attained a remarkable degree of success. Of an enthusiastic and zealous temperament, he was sometimes lead in forensic contest into language that seemed harsh to those opposed to him, but his sweet and kind disposition made him quick to express regret for any intemperate language, nor was any man more anxious to make amends and to oblige every one. He was the highest type of character—eloquent, able and industrious and his loss is a distinct one to the State and the profession.

Judge Leake was in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and is survived by his widow and seven children. The resolutions adopted by the bars of Goochland and Louisa, from which this notice is abbreviated, were a just tribute to the character of this upright lawyer and Christian gentleman.